

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

5

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/03/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/03/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGENCY

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

US District Court MOA and Consent Decree

13. Effective Date

10/23/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Discuss proposed change to the EVOS Trustee Council FY 2018 budget, habitat parcels, habitat enhancement projects, and public outreach.	04/02/2018	04/02/2018
Discuss the draft EVOS Trustee Council annual budget and proposed 2019 Draft Work Plan. The PAC also was briefed on the Habitat Program, discussing proposed habitat enhancement and habitat protection projects. Public outreach, focusing primarily on the upcoming 30th Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill was also discussed.	09/26/2018	09/26/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$9,006.00	\$4,500.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$3,749.00	\$5,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$2,673.00	\$843.00
18d. Total	\$15,428.00	\$10,343.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.05

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee meets to review issues before the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, and offers advice for consideration at the next Trustee Council meeting. The committee uses ad hoc work groups to focus on issues at a more in-depth level.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

There are ten members, including a representative for each of the following interests: public at large, aquaculture/mariculture, commercial fishing, commercial tourism, environmental/conservation, Native landowners, recreation users, sport hunting/fishing, subsistence, and science/technology.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

At least one meeting per year is held, depending upon the issues before the Trustee Council and their desire to use the committee for advice.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

A vast amount of complex information is being developed and the use of the committee as part of a comprehensive public participation program is an efficient way to focus public attention on issues and receive informed input. The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill court settlement requires a public advisory group to advise the Trustee Council, which manages the restoration program.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

This Committee continues to advise the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, per the court-ordered consent decree and memorandum of agreement.

Designated Federal Officer

Philip Johnson DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bauer, Amanda	10/01/2008	12/03/2018	Commercial Tourism	Representative Member

Eilo, Kurt	10/01/2004	12/03/2018	Sport Hunting/Fishing	Representative Member
Fandrei, Gary	10/02/2000	12/03/2018	Aquaculture/Mariculture	Representative Member
Faulkner, Patience	10/01/2008	12/03/2018	Subsistence	Representative Member
French, John	10/01/2008	12/03/2018	Retired	Representative Member
Skladal, George	12/02/2016	12/03/2018	Attorney	Representative Member
Springer, Emilie	10/01/2012	12/03/2018	Commercial Fishing	Representative Member
Studebaker, Stacy	10/01/1996	12/03/2018	Recreation Users	Representative Member
Totemoff, David	10/01/2009	12/03/2018	Tatitlek Village IRA Council	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Court Order establishing the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council also requires a public advisory committee. This committee provides advice to the Trustee Council on their work plans, projects, and budget. The committee meets once or twice a year to deliberate. Committee members also stay informed through document review and informal briefings and individual participation in technical meetings.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Trustee Council fully supports the role of this advisory committee.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

None.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

374

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were a total of 15 recommendations made at committee meetings on September 28, 2017, and April 2, 2018, which were considered by the EVOS Trustee Council (EVOSTC) at their November 14, 2017, and April 9, 2018, meetings. Out of the 15 recommendations, the EVOSTC fully implemented 12 (80%) and partially implemented 3 (20%).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Recommendations to the Trustee Council that were fully implemented include:

1. Develop a plan and devote funding for outreach efforts to inform the public of their restoration efforts
2. Approve the FY18 Annual EVOS Trustee Council Budget
3. Approve reauthorization of the Kenai River Flats Riverbank Protection Project
4. Concur with the proposed Gulf Watch Alaska and Herring Research and Monitoring budgets
5. Allocate FY18 funding for the Long-Term Data Management Program
6. Approve the requested FY18 funding for the Pigeon Guillemot Enhancement Project
7. Provide funding for Project 18170115 (Immunological Expressions of PAH Exposure in Fish)
8. Approve the requested Annual Budget adjustments associated with the GAO visit, not to exceed \$14,170
9. Approve the proposed Portage Lake price adjustment, as presented to the PAC
10. Forward the Copper River Watershed Enhancement Project on to the EVOSTC for their consideration
11. Forward the Kenai Watershed Stream Watch proposal on to the EVOSTC for their consideration
12. Approve funding for the proposed ADNR outreach activities

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations to the Trustee Council that were partially implemented include:1.

Approve pursuit of the proposed Port Valdez Meals Hill habitat protection project2.

Approve the purchase of parcels KEN 4010 and KEN 4011 on the lower Kenai River3.

Move the Koniag subsurface habitat purchase proposal forward to the EVOSTC for their consideration

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Trustee Council provides input to the committee through the Executive Director and Trustee Council Staff. The committee chair and/or the DFO typically report out to the Trustee Council during these Trustee meetings. Committee members are also encouraged to attend these meetings but attendance is optional.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

None.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 7

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 7

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$18,076,669

Grant Review Comments

The committee reviews and provides comments to the Trustee Council on proposals submitted for inclusion in the work plan. When the Trustee Council approves the work plan, proposers are granted funds to carry out the work. That approved amount may differ from the committee-recommended amount.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Access is available through the Trustee Council online website and office.